

REMARKS

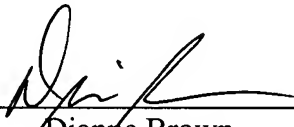
Claims 1-17, 19-32 and 34-43 are currently pending in the instant application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-43. Claims 18 and 33 have been canceled and Claims 1, 12, 19, 28, 34 and 43 have been amended and Applicants reserve the right to file continuation applications to any subject matter not currently being pursued.

Section 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-43 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 12, 19, 28, 34 and 43 and believes that the Examiner's concerns have been addressed. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully contend that Claims 1-17, 19-32 and 34-43, as amended, are allowable. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If there are any fees, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2755. If a telephonic communication will aid in the acceptance of this amendment, please telephone Applicants' representative listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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